

# Statewide Summary of Montana's 2012-13 Traffic Education Programs\*

(From the period of July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013)

## PROGRAM ENROLLMENT 173 public high s

- public high school districts were **eligible** to offer a traffic education program.
- high school districts **offered** a state-approved traffic education program.
- 12,065 public and private high school students were **eligible** to enroll in traffic education.
- students **completed** traffic education.

#### WHEN OFFERED

- 23 districts offered the program **before school hours**.
- districts offered the program during **regular school hours**.
- districts offered the program after school hours.
- 90 districts offered the program in the **summer**.

## PROGRAM FEES

- high school districts charged a fee. The mode fee was \$150.00.
  - The minimum fee was \$25.00. The maximum fee was \$340.00.
- districts **plan** to **increase the fee** charged students for the upcoming school year and summer.

#### **PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS**

- districts **granted credit** for successful completion of traffic education.
- districts **screened students** for visual acuity.
- 71 districts employed a traffic and safety education **coordinator and/or supervisor**.
- districts offered **pedestrian** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- 84 districts offered **school bus rider** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- districts offered **bicycle** safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
- districts offered traffic education for adult beginners.
- districts provided traffic education for **students with disabilities**.
- districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with **motorcycles**.
- districts emphasized and required the use of **seatbelts**.
- districts used Montana's current Traffic Education Curriculum Guide for its high school program.
- districts conducted **follow-up research** on student performance (violations/crashes).
- districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of **alcohol/drug** use in driving.
- districts involved **parents** in the Traffic Education program.
- districts participated in the **Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP)**.
- districts utilized **computers** in their program.
- districts used the Office of Public Instruction (**OPI**) Web site to obtain traffic education information.

#### NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

- 39 **full-time** teachers were employed.
- part-time teachers were employed.
- \$17.00 per hour is the **minimum** rate paid.
- \$50.00 per hour is the **maximum** rate paid.
- \$20.00 per hour is the **mode** minimum rate paid.
- \$20.00 per hour is the **mode** maximum rate paid.

### VEHICLES

- vehicles were used in the program.
  - 7 districts obtained their vehicles on a **free loan** basis.
  - 4 districts obtained their vehicles on a **daily fee** basis.
  - districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis.
  - 96 districts **owned** their vehicles.
  - 0 **instructors owned** and provided vehicles.
  - districts used **other** means to obtain vehicles.

## CRASHES

- 7 traffic **crashes** occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
- 0 persons were **killed**.
- 0 persons were **injured**.
- \$12,568.90 **property damage** costs incurred.

#### **COST PER PUPIL**

\$471.21 is the **average** per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to **\$107.63** per pupil.)

<sup>\*</sup> This information was compiled from the 2012-13 Traffic Education Year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2012 and the school year 2012-13. If you have questions, please contact Fran Penner-Ray by telephone at (406) 444-4396, or by e-mail at fpenner-ray@.mt.gov.